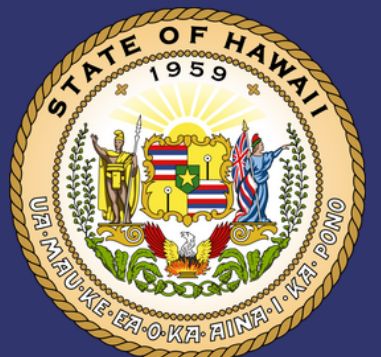




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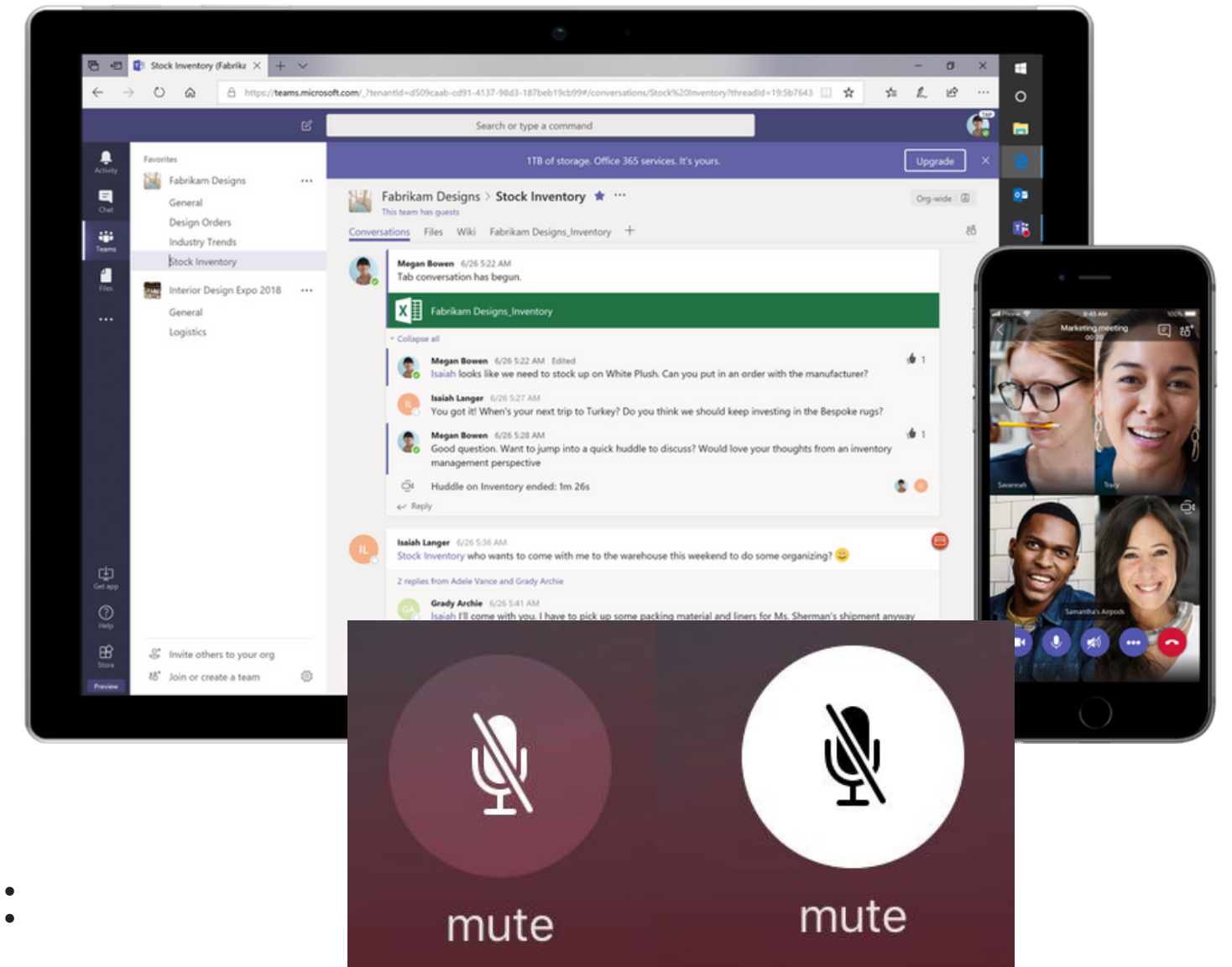


# Housekeeping Reminders

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Enter Questions in the Chat Box  
or Raise Your Hand.**

A recording of this webinar and copies of the presentation materials will be available online at:

**<https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/monthly-webinars/>**





January 2022

# Policy Priorities for 2022



## **Betty Lou Larson & Bob Wardlaw** *Partners In Care - Advocacy Committee*

They will present about Continuum of Care legislative priorities



## **Will White, Project Director** *Hawaii Budget & Policy Center*

He will present about recent data published on the nexus between health and housing, along with policy recommendations



## **Kristen Alice, Vice Chairperson** *Community Alliance Partners*

She will present about the importance for homeless service providers to advocate, and provide advocacy strategies

# General Updates

## Advocacy Resource Page:

- Helpful video resources, an outline of 2022 HICH Policy Priorities, and guidance on navigating the State Capitol website available at: <https://homelessness.hawaii.gov/advocacy>.
- In addition, bi-weekly joint advocacy meetings for statewide homeless providers and stakeholders are convened every other Friday at noon. For more information or to be added to these meetings, e-mail [cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov](mailto:cheryl.a.bellisario@hawaii.gov).
- Partners in Care and the BTG island chapters also convene their own advocacy committee meetings – please reach out to your respective CoC lead for more information.

## National Homeless & Housing Resources

- Check out the new 'Housing and Services Resource Center' online at: <https://acl.gov/HousingAndServices> – The new Resource Center is a joint effort between the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and HUD. A webinar discussion on 'Helping Individuals Who Are Experiencing Homelessness Obtain Identification Documents' will be held on February 3, 2022, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. HST (2:00–3:00 p.m. ET).
- The U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness recently released new guidance for communities on 'The Omicron Variant of COVID-19: What Homeless Service Providers Need to Know.' The guidance is online at: <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/the-omicron-variant-of-covid-19-what-homeless-service-providers-need-to-know/>.

## Partners in Care Lunch and Learn Session

- On Wednesday, January 26, 2022, 12–1 p.m. HST, PIC is hosting a Lunch and Learn with the Hawaiian Humane Society regarding dangerous dog laws. For more information, e-mail [elliottw@partnersincareoahu.org](mailto:elliottw@partnersincareoahu.org).



# PARTNERS IN CARE 2022 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



~~Homeless~~

**PARTNERS IN CARE** *Oahu's Continuum of Care*

*Mission: To eliminate homelessness through open and inclusive participation and the coordination of integrated responses*

# Affordable rental housing stock

- Funding for more affordable units in general
  - Potentially through the Rental Housing Revolving Fund (RHRF), Dwelling Unit Revolving Fund (DURF), or other
- Expansion of shallow subsidies to keep units affordable
  - Hawaii Public Housing Authority subsidies up to \$500/month/household
  - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and Other Needy Families (TANF/TAONF) housing subsidies for families with minor children
- Ohana Zones



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# Address upfront barriers to accessing existing rental housing

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**The PIC Advocacy Committee meets every  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 3pm.**

**To get involved, contact:  
[laurat@partnersincareoahu.org](mailto:laurat@partnersincareoahu.org)**



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# Any questions?

# Thank you!



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# Good Health Depends on Decent Housing

Key Findings and Recommendations

Will White, Director Hawaii Budget and Policy Center

# Housing *Security* as Social Determinant of Health





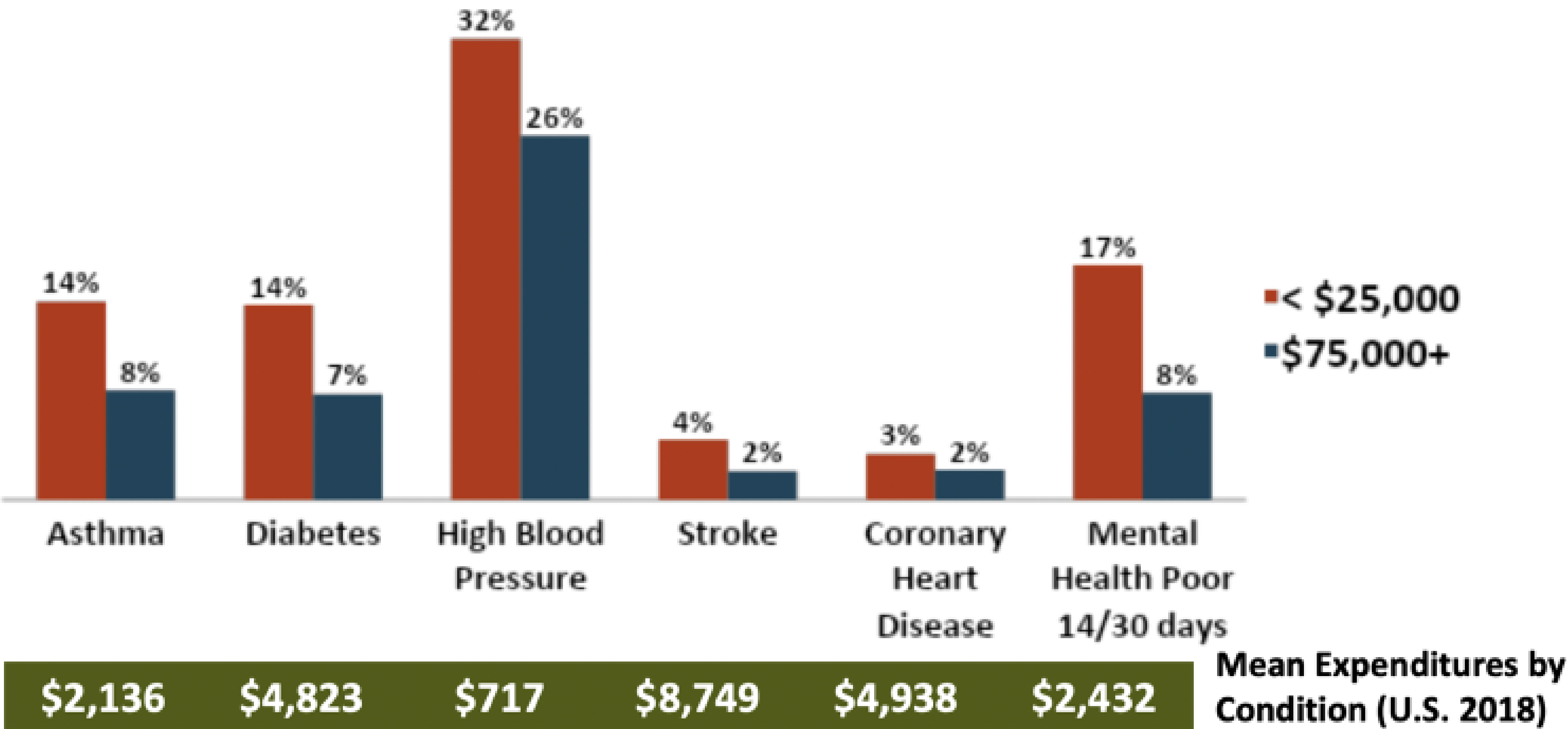
# How Housing Impacts Health

- Neglected Neighborhoods
- Harmful Housing
- **Economic Stress**

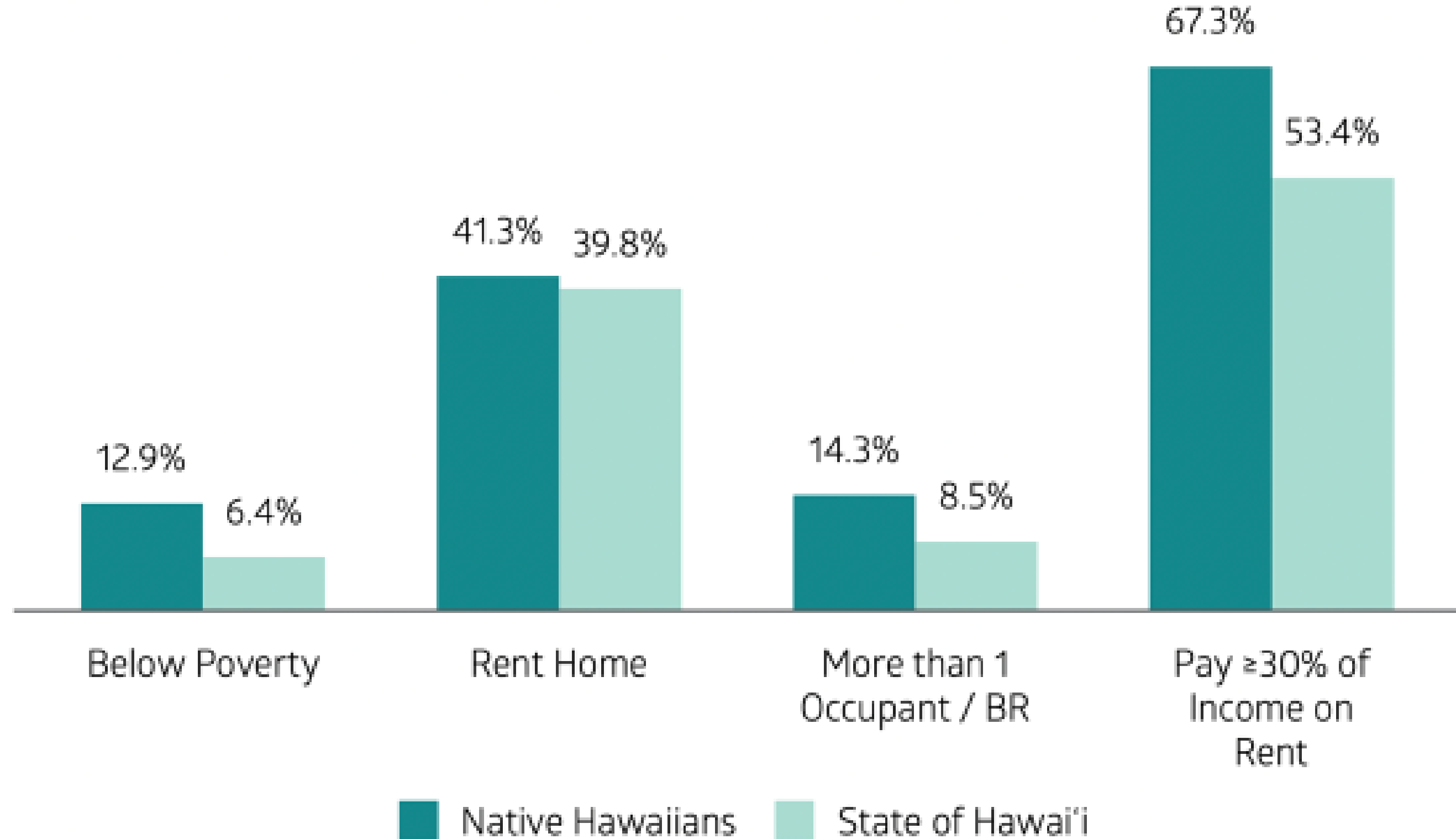
# Economic Stress and Chronic Conditions

- Chronic conditions found at higher levels in low-income communities
  - Asthma
  - Obesity
  - Hypertension
  - Diabetes
  - Stroke
  - Cancer
- Chronic Stress and ACEs
  - Poorer health and economic outcomes for children
  - Children who experience ACEs, more likely to experience homelessness

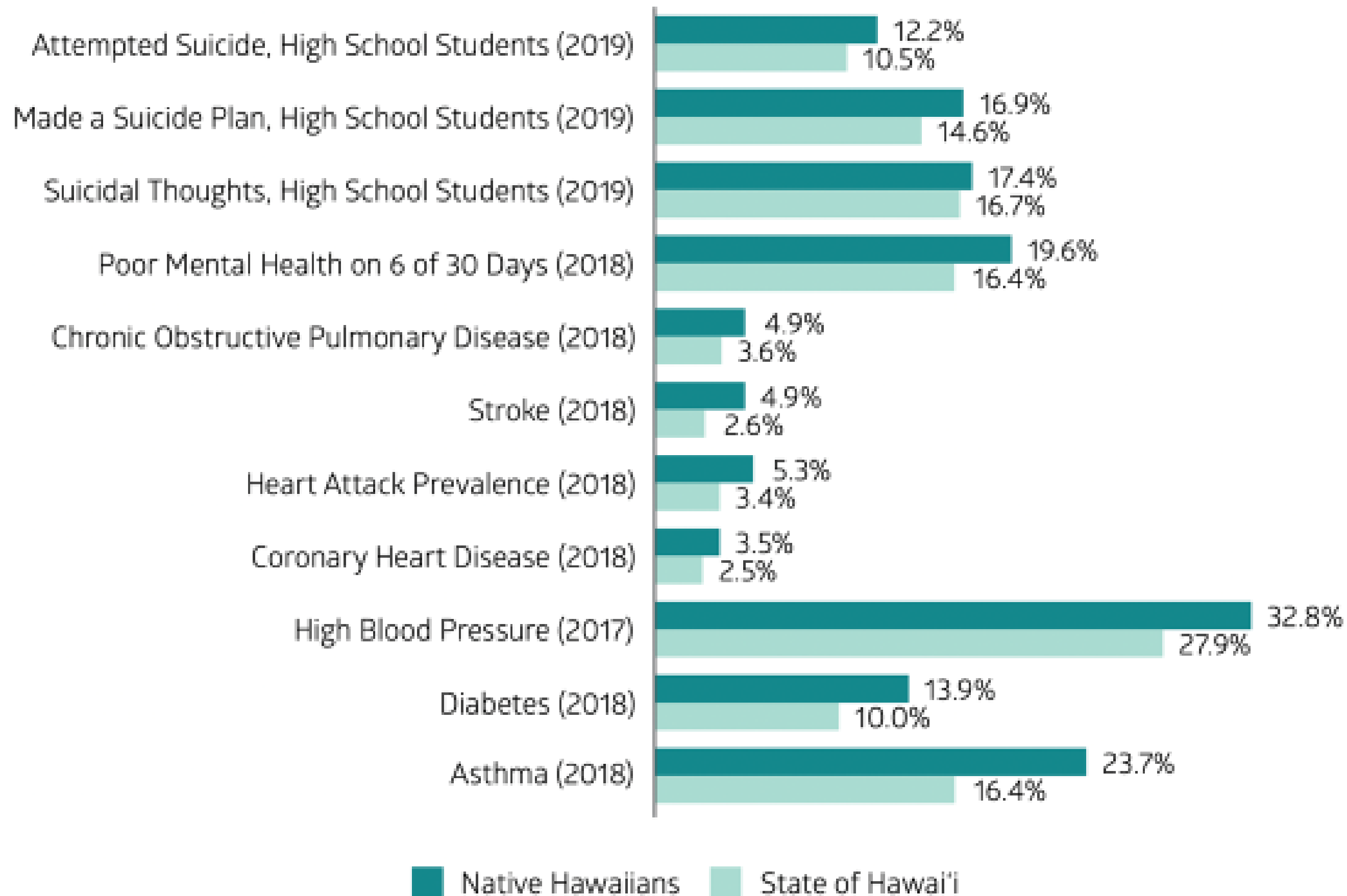
Harmful, expensive conditions linked to housing  
(income is a proxy)



# Housing Disparities for Native Hawaiians



# Health Disparities for Native Hawaiians



# Income & Health Outcomes not Shared Equally

- Difference in life expectancy lower for richest 1% vs. poorest 1%
  - 14.6 years for men
  - 10.1 years for women
- Adults in poverty 5 times more likely to report poor health compared to those above 400% FPL
- Lower Income individuals more likely to suffer from chronic conditions
- Rate of diabetes is twice as high among lower income adults



# Houselessness is Even Worse for Health Outcomes, PIT survey results show

- 24% of adults indicate severe mental health challenges
- 18% suffered from substance use disorders
- 25% were chronically houseless
- 1,100 people surveyed were children in families

# Houselessness and High Hospital Utilization

- Hawaii hospitals report 1,300 houseless users per month across 16 hospitals using ER and inpatient care
- Average monthly charges for care care \$8.5 million
- 80% of patients were between ages of 25-64

# Successful Interventions

- Integrating services: Queen's Care Coalition
  - Patient navigators, social workers and nurses provide discharge support
  - Assist with locating housing and other safety net supports
  - Achieved savings of \$5 million for 120 patients through reduced hospital utilization
- Permanent Supportive Housing: Pathways to Housing Initiative
  - Housed 134 individuals suffering from mental health or substance use disorders
  - Delivered range of services: housing support services, case management, health education
  - ER and inpatient use decreased, net savings of \$51,000 per participant annually

# Policy Recommendations

- Source of Income Legislation
- Ohana Zones
- Public investments in affordable housing

Will White, Director Hawaii Budget and Policy Center

[willwhite@hibudget.org](mailto:willwhite@hibudget.org)

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# HOW AND WHY TO ADVOCATE IN 2022



*Kristen Alice, Community Alliance Partners Vice Chair and Chief Advocate*

*<https://communityalliancepartners.org/>*

- **WHAT'S CAP?**
- **LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**
  - **HOW AND WHY TO  
ADVOCATE**





**COMMUNITY ALLIANCE  
PARTNERS (CAP) IS THE  
HAWAI‘I ISLAND SUBSIDIARY  
OF BRIDGING THE GAP (BTG).\***

**BTG IS THE NEIGHBOR ISLANDS  
CONTINUUM OF CARE.**

*\*I speak on behalf of CAP only*

*See <https://www.btghawaii.org/> for more on Bridging the Gap*

# **CAP'S 2022 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

*Community Alliance Partners acknowledges that we are on Hawaiian land, and that systemic discrimination has pushed a disproportionate number of Kānaka Maoli into houselessness. As a result, **CAP does not support legislation that seeks to take ceded lands away from intended beneficiaries.***

**THE FOLLOWING  
LEGISLATION WILL HELP US  
CONTINUE TO MOVE  
TOWARD ENDING  
HOMELESSNESS**

**INCREASE FUNDING FOR  
HOMELESS PROGRAMS**

**FUND 'OHANA ZONES**





**OUTLAW HOUSING  
VOUCHER DISCRIMINATION**





**ABOLISH  
SIT/LIE BANS  
& SWEEPS**

**RAISE THE  
MINIMUM WAGE  
TO \$18 BY 2026**



# TAX VACANT HOMES



# **OUTLAW RENTAL APPLICATION FEES**



**AFFORDABLE FOR-SALE  
LEASEHOLD HOUSING ON  
COUNTY LANDS, FINANCED  
BY HHFDC**



# BRIDGING THE GAP LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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# **HOW AND WHY TO ADVOCATE**



# WAYS TO ADVOCATE

- JOIN A COALITION. EXAMPLE:  
[COMMUNITYALLIANCEPARTNERS.ORG](https://communityalliancepartners.org)
- CREATE A STORYBANK. EXAMPLE:  
[HOPESERVICESHAWAII.ORG/STORIES](https://hopeserviceshawaii.org/stories)
- ONE ON ONE CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEAGUES AND CLIENTS
- PUBLISH AN OP-ED OR LETTER TO THE EDITOR
- TESTIFY AT THE LEGISLATURE

**PEOPLE WITH LIVED  
EXPERIENCE UNDERSTAND  
THE CAUSES OF  
HOUSELESSNESS AND THE  
BARRIERS TO HOUSING**

**"I WASN'T EVEN  
GIVEN A CHANCE TO  
SHARE MY STORY; I  
AM NOT THE PERSON  
THEY THINK I AM."**

**-T.A., HILO**  
LETTER TO SENATOR  
SCHATZ



T.A. and family, Hilo

**PEOPLE WITH LIVED  
EXPERIENCE KNOW WHAT  
WORKS AND WHAT DOESN'T**

***"I FEEL GUILTY LIKE I DID SOMETHING WRONG, BUT ALL I DID  
WAS APPLY FOR HELP."***

***-T.N.***

***"Doesn't the realtor realize they get a guaranteed payment  
every month?"***

***-R.T.***

***LETTER TO SENATOR SCHATZ***

**OUR COLLEAGUES IN DIRECT  
SERVICE HAVE A GOOD IDEA  
TOO**

## **LETTER: Time to End Rental Income Discrimination**

🕒 MAR 26, 2021

# **Big Island Gazette**

For the owners of any rentals to be able to arbitrarily dismiss this population of people is wrong, and should not be allowed to stand. It is akin to being turned away because of the color of your skin. Some things are beyond a person's control, and should not be held against them.

***-CLARENCE COTTRELL, HOPE SERVICES COLLEAGUE***

<https://bigislandgazette.com/letter-time-to-end-rental-income-discrimination/>

*“I’ve had tenants with high credit ratings and exceptional rental references, that did more damage in six months than any Section 8 applicant that I’ve had,” said Ua. “It doesn’t matter about the funding. It matters on the person.”*



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Economic Self-Sufficiency

## Encouraging Landlords on Hawai'i Island to Put Aside Section-8 Stereotypes

By Guest Author • September 1, 2021

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**-MATT UA, HOPE SERVICES  
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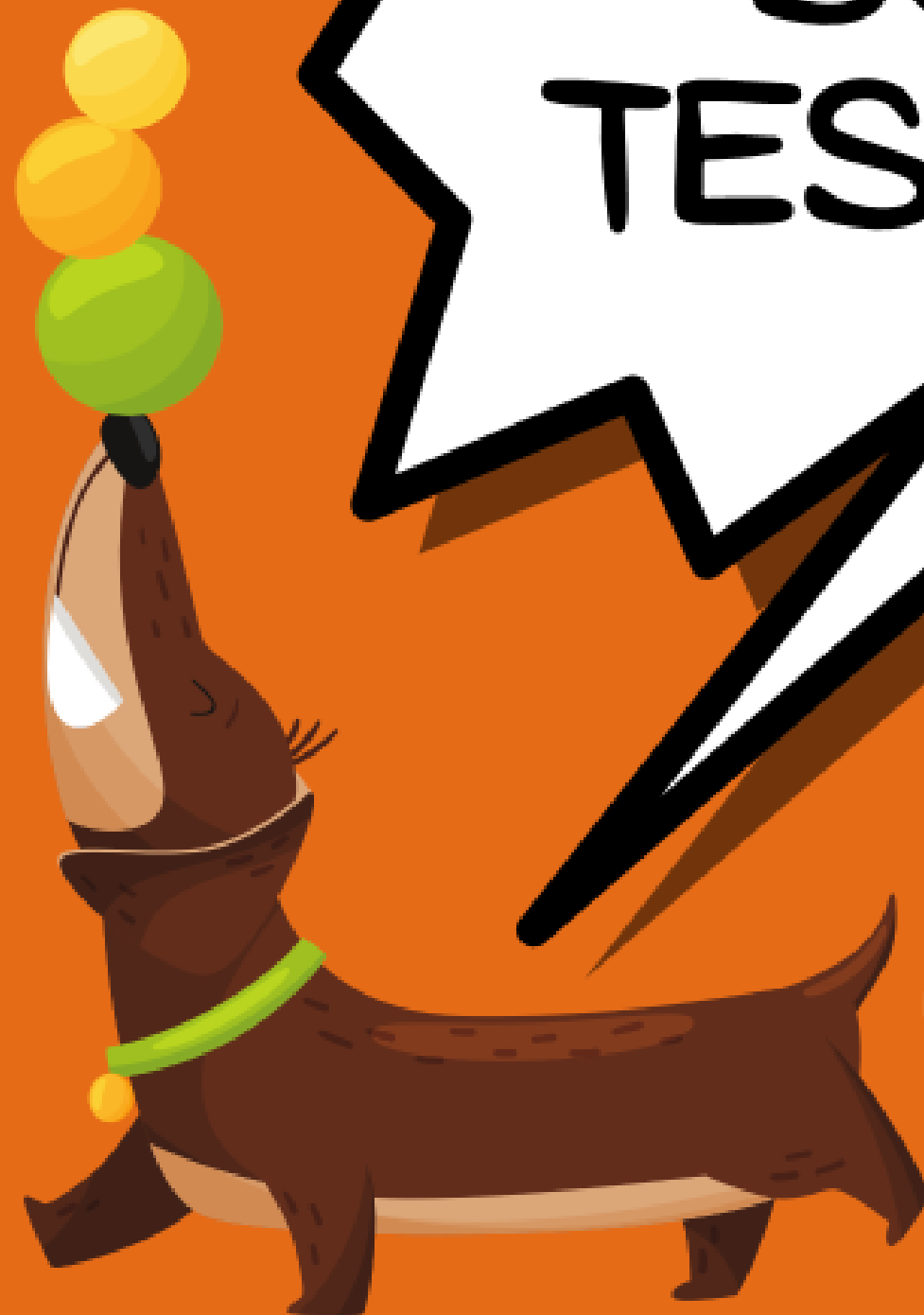
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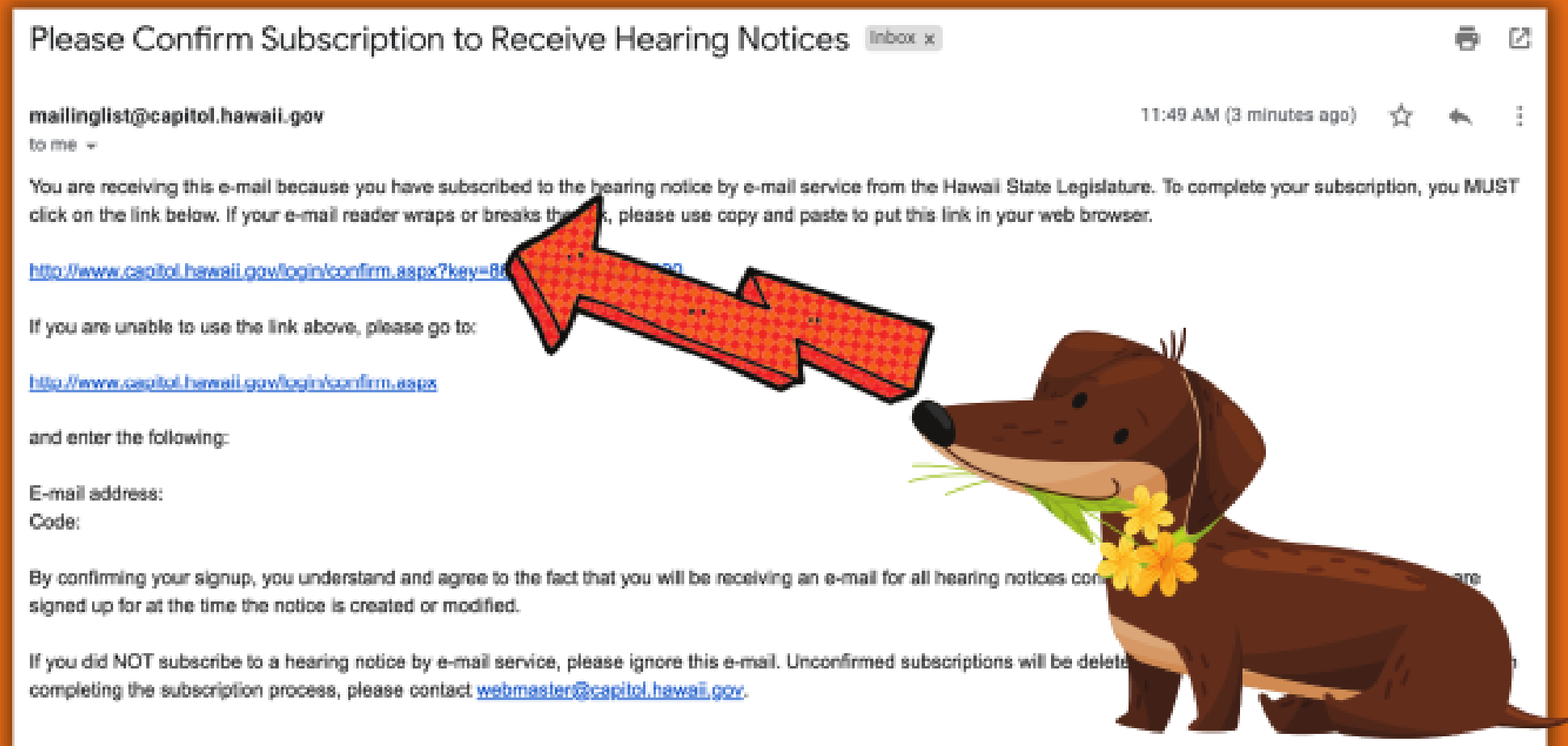
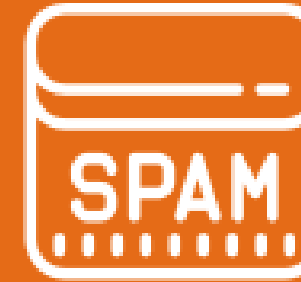
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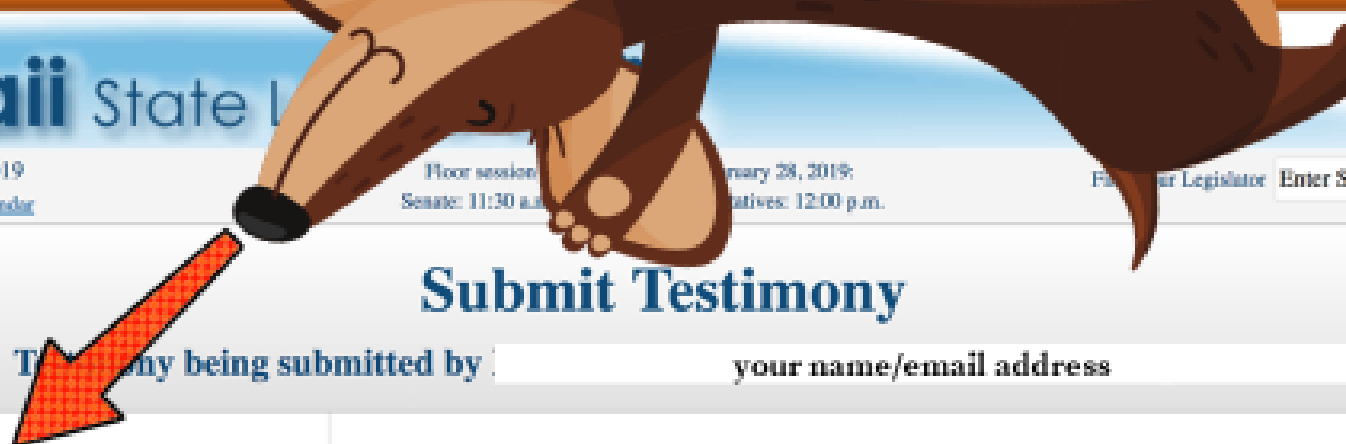
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**Measure Title:** RELATING TO HOMELESSNESS.  
**Report Title:** Homelessness; Human Services; Housing; Shelters  
**Description:** Authorizes the use of private lands for the Ohana Zones Pilot Program. Extends the Ohana Zones Pilot Program to June 30, 2022. Extends the Emergency Department Homelessness Assessment Pilot Program and the Medical Respite Pilot Program to June 30, 2020. (HB257 HD1)  
**Companion:**  
**Package:** None  
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**Introducer(s):** SAN BUENAVENTURA

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**HB257**

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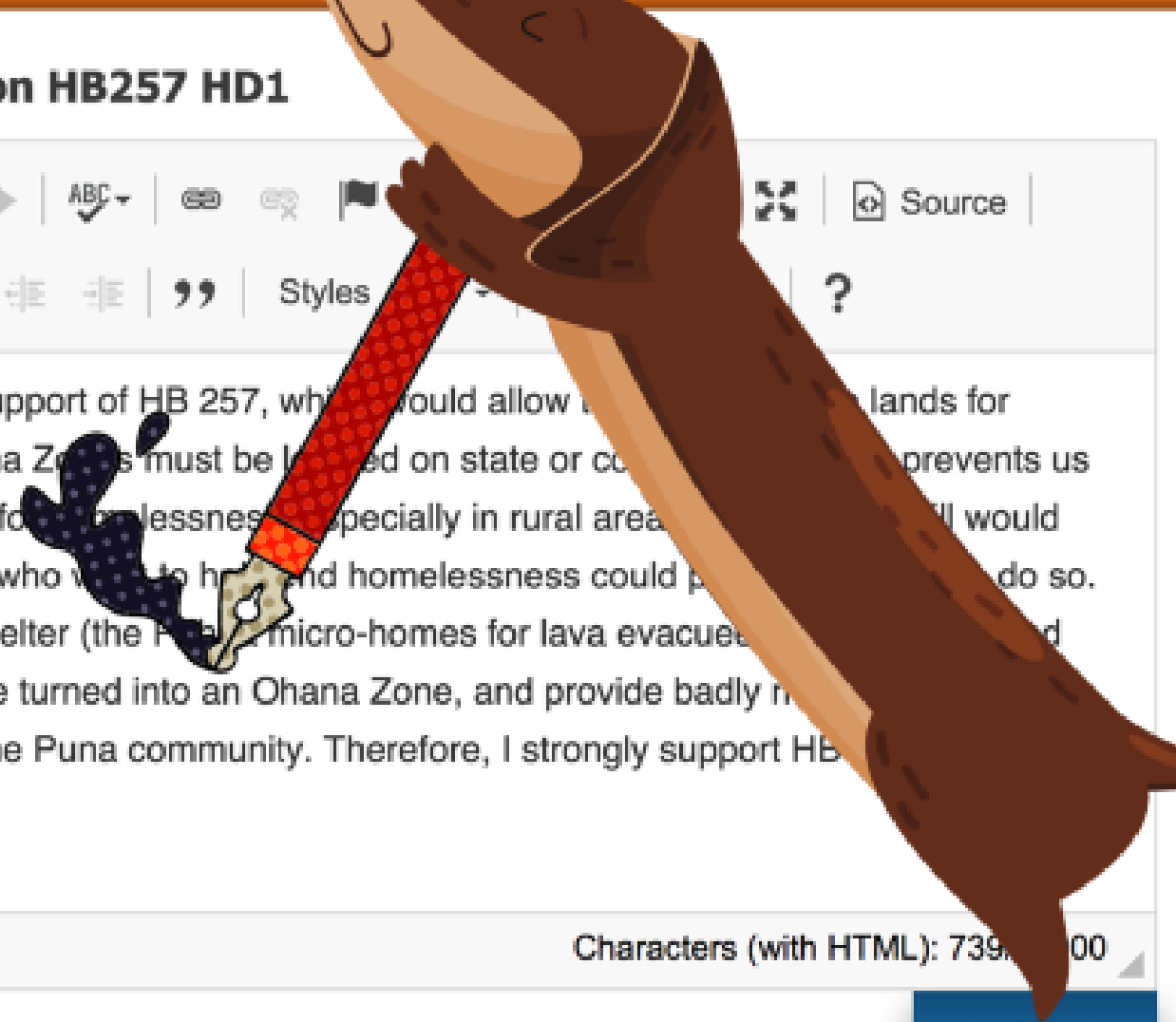
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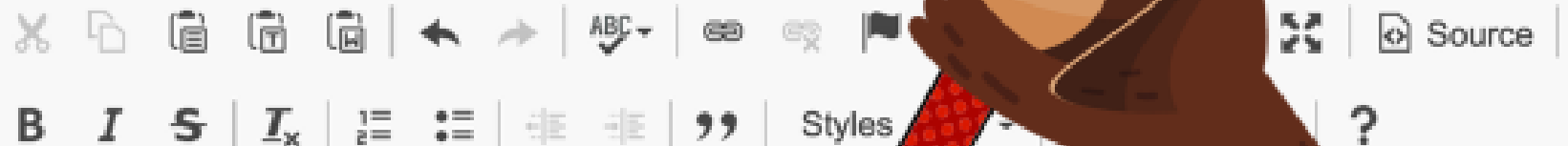


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**Your testimony/comments on HB257 HD1**





Aloha, I am writing in strong support of HB 257, which would allow... lands for Ohana Zones. Currently, Ohana Zones must be located on state or county land, which prevents us from finding efficient solutions for homelessness, especially in rural areas. It would mean that private landowners who want to help end homelessness could not do so. For example, Sacred Heart Shelter (the Puna micro-homes for lava evacuees) located on privately held land, could be turned into an Ohana Zone, and provide badly needed homelessness resources for the Puna community. Therefore, I strongly support HB 257.

Mahalo for your consideration.

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